

"THING" (Cont'd)

Does the size of a new seedling bloom actually influence the judging to a marked degree? (P. S. I love all the judges.)

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Remember in selecting your parents that you must have a bush as well as a bloom, so cross your choice bloom with a strong grower whenever possible, and make some crosses of Bush X Bush.

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It is basically poor policy, in Florida, to cross two Hawaiians.

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Certain individual hybrid cultivars are limited to geographical areas, countries, or even states. Each area must develop its own plants using its own acclimatized cultivars in all cases as one parent combining with the exotics.

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The greatest asset in planting seedlings direct to beds, rather than cans, when quite small is the development of long tap roots, making frequent watering unnecessary as plants become larger.

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Some success has been attained in making seed using bloom one full day before natural opening. Uncurl the premature bud, deposit pollen, and curl back the petals, to open next day.

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The very first blooms to appear on your young seedlings will prove strong seeders, and speed up your seedling project.

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Bloom size on certain cultivars improve with age and size of bush. Example 232 RED, now TOM McCAHILL, one of the best reds.

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The percentage of seed germination is much higher with certain cultivars as influenced by the pod parent.

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Cultivars spotted or blotched only seasonally are less dominant transmitters of this coloring to progeny.

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Dr. Egolf will eventually cross H. Syriacus and H. Rosa Sinensis.

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— KAWAIOLA BEAUTY holds known record for number of seed in one pod — 46.

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Hibiscus scion wood for grafting is improved by placing in a plastic bag for from three to five days.

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The cultivar HARRY GOULDING is very dominant pollen plant for large bloom and yellow spots and blotching, but off-spring are often of poor texture and dull coloring. JIM HENDRY by Pic Thompson is from HAWAIIANA X unknown yellow. HAWAIIANA, an F-1 hybrid of native Hawaiian white, is one parent of ROSS ESTEY, by Gast.

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Having been 'led' to understand women are smarter than men, and willing to admit their esthetic superiority, taste, and knowledge of color, and detail accuracy in form, it behooves me to question their genius in the hybridizing field. Come on gals, and elbow up to the bargain seedling table, please.

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How satisfactory is second place depends a good deal on who's first and who's third.